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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 2867

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: U.S.-DUTCH-SWISS REACTOR SALE TO SOUTH AFRICA

REF: (A) THE HAGUE 2812 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 125583;

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1. CABINET IS CONTINUING ITS DISCUSSIONS TODAY, MAY 24, OF EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEE FOR DUTCH PORTION OF REACTOR SALE TO SOUTH AFRICA, AFTER FAILURE TO RESOLVE THE MATTER ON MAY 21.

2. AT HIS WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE ACCOMPANYING THE FRIDAY CABINET MEETING, PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CREDIT GUARANTEE HAD RUN INTO SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER A COMPROMISE SOLUTION COULD POSSIBLY BE FOUND BUT IN ANY EVENT THE DECISION COULD
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NO LONGER BE PUT OFF. DUTCH RADIO THIS MORNING CONFIRMED

THIS LAST POINT, REPORTING THAT A DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE
TAKEN TODAY OR THERE WOULD BE A GOVERNMENT CRISIS.

3. IT MAY BE, THEREFORE, THAT THE CREDIT GUARANTEE WILL
HAVE BEEN VOTED UP OR DOWN BY NIGHTFALL. NEVERTHELESS, WE
WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION, IF ASKED, TO PROVIDE WORKING
LEVEL AT FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH HELPFUL GUIDANCE CONTAINED
IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 REFTEL B. IN ADDITION, IF DEPARTMENT
AUTHORIZED AMBASSADOR BOWDLER TO PROVIDE SOUTH AFRICA TEXT
OF AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINED REFTEL C, WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM
SAME OFFICIALS OF FACT OF PRESENTATION AS WELL AS PASS COPY
OF AIDE-MEMOIRE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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